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1. FOLLOWING INFO SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL.
THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IN JAPAN WHICH PROVIDE
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR A NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT INCLUDE AN ARTICLE (23) OF THE REACTOR REGULATORY
LAW WHICH READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 23. ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE JAPAN ATOMIC ENERGY
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RESEARCH INSTITUTE WHO WISHES TO ESTABLISH REACTORS SHALL
OBTAIN THE PERMISSION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, AS PROVIDED BY
THE PROVISIONS OF THE CABINET ORDER.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBTAIN THE PERMISSION UNDER
THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL PRESENT TO THE PRIME
MINISTER AN APPLICATION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

.....(VIII) THE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF USED FUEL. UNQUOTE

2. IN PRACTICE APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN THEIR REPROCESSING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS OR PLANS AND JUDGMENTS ARE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. APPLICANTS. GENERALLY PRESENT DOCUMENTATION IN THE FORM OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH BNFL (E.G.) AS AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING THEIR PLANS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL. WASTE MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE REPROCESSING COMMITMENT UP UNTIL VERY RECENTLY. NO APPLICANT IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN REFUSED A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT, HOWEVER, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS ALWAYS PRECEDE FORMAL SUBMISSIONS SO THAT IN CASES WHERE DOCUMENTATION IS INSUFFICIENT IN THE INFORMAL PRESENTATION, IT IS DEVELOPED TO THE POINT OF CERTAIN ACCEPTANCE PRIOR TO THE FORMAL SUBMISSION.

3. THERE IS CURRENTLY SOME PRESSURE IN THE GOJ IN THE DIRECTION OF MORE THOROUGHLY DEFINING AND FORMALIZING REPROCESSING PLANS PRIOR TO REACTOR CONSTRUCTION.

4. THE REACTOR REGULATORY LAW IS BEING POUCHED TO ACDA/NTB/ID, ATTENTION LINDA GALLINI.
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